

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 714

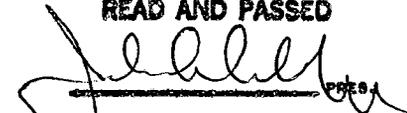
Effective: ~~Approved~~ October 31, 1983

WHEREAS, Residents along Hidden Street recently encountered problems, with their sewer line, due to tree roots, at which time the City of Providence did not accept the responsibility of cleaning, and

WHEREAS, The residents of the area hired a private firm to relieve the blockage,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Director of Public Works is requested to assume the responsibility of the sewer line along Hidden Street as said homeowners pay for services through the Sewer Use Fee.

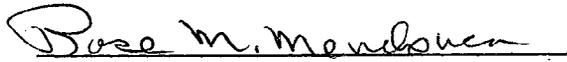
IN CITY COUNCIL
OCT 20 1983
READ AND PASSED





CLERK

Effective without the Mayor's
signature October 31, 1983.



Rose M. Mendonca

Councilman Pitts (By Request)

3 Hidden Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02906
October 3, 1983

Councilman Herman C. Pitts
Office of the City Clerk
City Hall
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Hidden Street Sewer Line

Dear Councilman Pitts:

As the owners of numbers 2 and 3 Hidden Street, we write to ask that you petition the city of Providence on our behalf to assume full responsibility for services, and in particular the sewers, for all the houses in Hidden Street. We point out that we both pay full taxes - property, water, and sewer - and vehicles parked overnight in the street are regularly ticketed, although at the moment the city takes no responsibility for the sewer line that connects our houses to the city network on the corner of Hidden and Congdon Streets. Our respective houses are directly opposite each other and this common line runs underneath the middle of Hidden Street for some one hundred feet. Our request has been prompted by a recent episode when the line became completely blocked due to the ingrowth of tree roots. The city steadfastly refused to accept any responsibility despite the health risk, and the first two companies we employed were unable to relieve the blockage. In the meantime we could not use any running water or flush the toilets in either house for seventy-two hours. The third organization we enlisted was able to deal with the problem and it transpired that the blockage was only about fifteen feet proximal to the city sewer on the corner of Congdon and Hidden Streets.

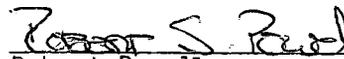
We request that the city take over the Hidden Street sewer line forthwith and respectfully suggest that it would be assuming no more than its due responsibility. Further, it would inherit a sewer that has recently been thoroughly cleared and is unlikely to give any more trouble for many years to come. We feel that unless the city accepts this responsibility it has no right to extract sewer taxes from us at the full rate, or to ticket vehicles parked on our part of Hidden Street.

We much appreciate your efforts on our behalf.

Sincerely,



M. Peter Lance, M.D.
3 Hidden Street



Robert Powell
2 Hidden Street